With burdens of the dead;—some that were hang'd,

be spent in these different occupations. On this account he goes on, and says, *' Make false hair, &c." WARBURTON.

The explanation is ingenious, but I think it very remote, and would willingly bring the author and his readers to meet on easier terms. We may read :

"------Yet may your pains six months
" Be quite *contraried:*—"

Timon is wishing ill to mankind, but is afraid lest the whores should imagine that he wishes well to them; to obviate which he lets them know, that he imprecates upon them influence enough to plague others, and disappointments enough to plague themselves. He wishes that they may do all possible mischief, and yet *take pains six months* of the year in vain.

In this sense there is a connection of this line with the next. " Finding your pains contraried, try new expedients, thatch your thin roofs, and paint."

To *contrary* is an old verb. Latimer relates, that when he went to court, he was advised not to *contrary* the King. JOHNSON.

If Dr. Johnson's explanation be right, which *I* do not believe, the present words appear to me to admit it, as well as the reading he would introduce. Such unnecessary deviations from the text should ever be avoided. Dr. Warburton's is a *very* natural interpretation, which cannot often be said of the expositions of that commentator. The words that follow fully support it: [cc] And thatch your poor thin roofs," &c. i. e. after you have lost the greatest part of your hair by disease, and the medicines that for six months you have obliged to take, then procure an artificial covering, &c. MALONE.

I believe this* means,—[f] Yet for half the year at least, may you suffer such punishment as is inflicted on harlots in houses of correction.' STEEVENS.

These words should be enclosed in a parenthesis. Johnson wishes to connect them with the following sentences, but that cannot be, as they contain an imprecation, and the following lines contain an instruction. Timon is giving instructions to those women; but in the middle of his instructions, his misanthropy breaks forth in an imprecation against them. I have no objection to the reading of *contraried* instead of *contrary,* but it does not seem to be necessary. M. MASON.

9 — thatch your poor thin roofs, &c.] About the year 1595, when the fashion became general in England of wearing a greater quantity of hair than was ever the produce of a single head, it was dangerous for any child to wander, as nothing was more common than -for women to entice such as had fine locks into private places,'